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RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A CURE FOR ENDOMETRIOSIS AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH".

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a painful reproductive and immunological disease afflicting more than seven million women and teenagers in the United States and an estimated seventy million worldwide; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown an elevated risk of certain cancers and autoimmune diseases in endometriosis patients, and endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility and hysterectomy; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis not only affects the female reproductive system, but it can also be found in other areas of the body, including the intestines, bladder, lungs, skin and brain; and

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1 WHEREAS, endometriosis may have a debilitating impact on a
2 woman's quality of life and her relationships and, in some
3 cases, may render her unable to work or care for her family;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, endometriosis can strike women of any
6 socioeconomic class, age or race; and

7 WHEREAS, the cause of endometriosis is unknown, and there
8 is currently no definitive cure; and

9 WHEREAS, many women suffer needlessly for many years
10 because endometriosis is very difficult to treat and diagnose;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, government-funded research has traditionally gone
13 to other high-profile diseases, and little effort has been made
14 to designate appropriate funds to seek a cure for
15 endometriosis; and

16 WHEREAS, the endometriosis research center is a nonprofit
17 organization founded in 1997 that actively supports continued
18 awareness, education and research facilitation for
19 endometriosis; and

20 WHEREAS, the endometriosis research center also
21 aggressively seeks to educate legislators and the medical
22 community on the needs of those with endometriosis;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the need for better
25 support of patients with endometriosis, the need for physicians

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1 to understand the disease better, the need for more effective
2 treatments and, ultimately, the need for a cure; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recognize the
4 month of March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month".

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